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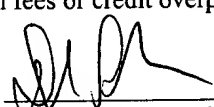
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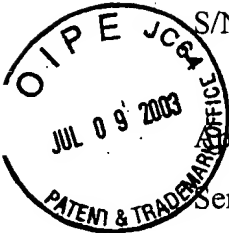
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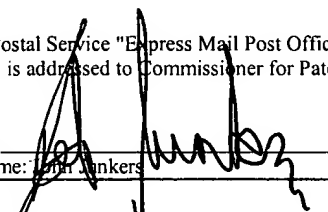
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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

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Enclosed is the Japanese Office Action citing the references.

US 5,583,697 is an English equivalent of JP 6-308388.

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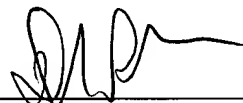
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